

**ROANOKE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM  
LEAGUE CONDUCT RULES  
NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

- A. Due to the many concerns and the national attention brought to sportsmanship the Department has taken a proactive no tolerance stand towards any unsportsmanlike act or conduct. Our goal is to provide a FUN, positive and supportive atmosphere for the players, staff and spectators.
- B. No team, team member, coach or assistant coach that is under suspension shall be eligible to compete in any league play which is sanctioned by the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism.
- C. A team, team member, coach or spectator may be disqualified from play or the area for any of the various infractions listed below:
  - 1. **Ejection from a game** will result in an automatic (2) two game suspension for the first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season.
  - 2. **Using flagrant obscene language or displaying flagrant actions considered as unsportsmanlike gestures or other unsportsmanlike conduct.** Penalty – (2) two game suspension for first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season. Use of minor language and actions according to the official's judgement will result in the officials assessing penalties according to the Rule Book and players will sit out the remainder of the quarter or half at the discretion of the game official/s.
  - 3. **Physical violence involving a player, coach, spectator, scorekeeper or official during time of play, preceding or following a game.** Penalty – up to (5) five-year suspension-Automatic season suspension.
  - 4. **Verbal threats or harassment made by a player, spectator or coach directed to another player, coach, spectator, or game official.** Penalty – (1) one game suspension for first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season.
  - 5. **Commission of Fraud** – Any false information (name, address, birth date, school they attend) concerning a participant that make them ineligible to participate in Roanoke County. **Penalty** – Removal of that participant and team will forfeit all games that participant played in.
  - 6. **Use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages is prohibited on or around all Roanoke County facilities or team members.** Penalty - (2) two game suspension for first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season.
  - 7. **Failure to provide Roanoke County, officials and/or proper club authorities with the name/s of player/s, coach/s or spectator/s involved in any infraction when requested to do so.** Penalty - (2) two game suspension for first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season.

8. **Any player, coach, spectator, official, scorekeeper or supervisor bring any firearm or weapon that is not a Law Officer into any County facility or park.** Penalty automatic indefinite suspension from all County sponsored Events.
9. **Coaches and Officials MUST stand at mid-court/field and supervise teams shaking hands at the end of games. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner.** Penalty - (2) two game suspension for first offense. Second offense is automatic suspension from league. All suspensions will roll over into the next season.
- D. Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism have instructed the officials to issue this warning  
to teams at the pre-game conference.
  1. Players and coaches, who use foul language that can be clearly heard by spectators, coaches or officials will be ejected without any additional warning.
  2. Player, coaches or spectators displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected without any additional warning.
  3. Coaches and Recreation Clubs are responsible for team or fans actions directed towards league officials. Coaches or Recreation Clubs will be given one (1) verbal warning for spectator conduct. For everyone's safety and enjoyment, it is important for you to control the problems a few players, coaches or spectators may create.
  4. Officials have the authority to stop play and remove any player that they feel is getting aggressive and needs time on the sidelines to cool down before re-entering the game. This is to prevent players from receiving yellow or red cards and being disqualified.
  5. **If a coach pulls their team off the field during a game. The game will be forfeited to the opposing team and the coach will be suspended for the next two games and will be on probation for the remainder of the year. Second offense will result in the coach being suspended for the remainder of the season and the next season**

**NOTE: ANY OF THE ABOVE PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE A PROBATION PERIOD**

**AND REC. CLUBS MAY IMPOSE GREATER PENALTIES.**